

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer system~~ for automatically configuring reinstall information to a computer, said system comprising:

a server for storing user computers' images and their updates and at least one user computer having a user configuration of a user operating system and at least one application program, further comprising: software

first means for storing on said server the parameters of said user configuration;

a set of backup non-specific copies, stored on said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates ~~in a portion of said system other than said user computer~~, of a set of operating systems, including said user operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program;

means for accessing said back up non-specific copies of operating systems, including said user operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program; and

second software means for restoring said user configuration by copying selected items said operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program from said set of backup non-specific copies to said user computer in accordance with the parameters of said user configuration;

wherein, said first means for storing said user configuration parameters further monitors and records user choices during an installation process of installing said user configuration,

and further monitors and records incremental changes and modifications to said user configuration over the life time of said user configuration; and further,

migrates a current computer to a new computer, based on said recorded user choices and said incremental changes and modifications information collected and saved, said migrating, including installing the newest versions of computer programs, utilities and vendor interfaces from the Internet or from said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates.

2. (Canceled)

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14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein in computer-readable form comprising:

means for performing a method for operating a ~~computer~~ system for automatically configuring reinstall information comprising a server for storing user computers' images and their updates and at least one user computer having a user configuration of a user operating system and at least one application program, said method comprising the steps of: storing on said server the parameters of said user configuration; storing a set of backup non-specific copies, stored on said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates ~~in a portion of said system other than said user computer~~; of a set of operating systems, including said user operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program, accessing said copies; and restoring said user configuration by copying selected items said operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program from said ~~set of backup copies~~ server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates to said user computer in accordance with the parameters of said user configuration,

wherein, said method further comprises means for monitoring and recording user choices during an installation process installing said user configuration.

and further monitoring and recording incremental changes and modifications to said user configuration over the life time of said user configuration; and further,

migrating a current computer to a new computer, based on said recorded user choices and said incremental changes and modifications information collected and saved, said migrating, including installing the newest versions of computer programs, utilities and vendor interfaces from the Internet or from the said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates.

16. (Canceled)

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19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)